



## #2: When Bad Things Happen

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October 25, 2015 Kemptonville CRC  
“...WHY, O Lord?”

- A recent article claims that most teens who walk away from faith do so because of something related to suffering. Agree? Disagree? What's your experience?
- Choosing to evict God
  - then everything just IS
  - meaning questions about good & evil become \_\_\_\_\_
  - does this seem more or less satisfying to you?
- Coming to Communion
  - remembering Christ our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16; Philippians 2:8)  
(How does Communion do this for you? Can you recall a time when it proved particularly powerful?)
  - confronting us with God's passion for those who suffer (Rom 8:11&32)
  - discuss the hope found in “Christ has died, is risen, and will come again”
- Remember Eternity
  - our sufferings now compared to what is ahead (Romans 8:18; Eph 1:18)
- Perhaps we'll get.... NO answer
  - Saints in glory (Revelation 6:10)
  - Job & his friends
- A Knotty problem
  - Wheat & weeds tangled together (Matthew 13:24-30)
  - God CAN bring good from suffering & evil (Psalm 119:71; Genesis 50:20)... can you think of examples where you saw this happen?
- Life is complicated
  - Joseph / Moses / Peter / Paul: think of how the Bible shows victory, but ALSO struggle in their lives
    - Permission to cry: Psalm 13, 43, 102... can you find others?
    - Even preachers cry: Habakkuk 1:2



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